

I am deeply concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting requiring its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I feel that this action is a mis-use of power by Sinclair Broadcasting, and the implications of this action are frightening for our free society. "News" should be impartial. While this seems to be less and less the case these days, I believe this action is clearly crossing a dangerous line.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is required to serve the public interest. There is no way that airing this pseudo-documentary is serving the public interest. What is to stop Sinclair from airing a blatantly anti-Semitic or homophobic "documentary" next? There must be some controls!

Big business should not be determining what is and is not "public interest." But that is exactly what Sinclair Broadcasting is doing -- more and more blatantly. The power of decision about what to air should be made locally -- so that issues of importance to our own communities are at the forefront of what we see. It is frightening to see a large corporation assume more and more power over communities and community interests.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.